

# Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)



## FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) YTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components the CNMI could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The CNMI YTS was a school-based survey of students in

grades 6-12, conducted in 2000. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of CNMI. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 68.8%, the student response rate was 80.3%, and the overall response rate was 55.2%. A total of 2,809 students participated in the CNMI YTS.

### Prevalence

79.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 78.2%, Female = 81.3%)

62.4% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 68.4%, Female = 57.1%)

39.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 37.5%, Female = 40.7%)

52.7% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 62.2%, Female = 44.1%)

35.9% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

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### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

23.4% buy cigarettes in a store

53.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Environmental Tobacco Smoke

64.9% live in homes where others smoke

80.2% are around others who smoke in places outside their home

70.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them

16.9% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

80.7% want to stop smoking

76.8% tried to stop smoking during the past year

### Media and Advertising

77.6% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days

23.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

### School

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### Highlights

- 62% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 39% currently smoke cigarettes; 53% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high – over 6 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; 8 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places.
- 7 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- 8 in 10 smokers want to stop.
- 8 in 10 students saw a lot of anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days.